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SUBJECT: POLITICAL PRISONERS

REFERENCE: TAIPEI 7442

1. APPARENTLY AS PART OF CONTINUING AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN, SENATOR JAMES BUCKLEY HAS RECEIVED SHEAF OF PAPERS CONCERNING 10 POLITICAL PRISONERS ON TAIWAN FROM TAIWANESE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LOCATED IN NEW YORK CITY. BUCKLEY HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT FOR ANY INFORMATION IT CAN PROVIDE TO PASS ALONG TO TAIWANESE WOMEN'S GROUP.

2. IN ADDITION TO HSIEH TS'UNG-MIN AND LI AO ON WHOM WE HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS), WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CHARGES THAT FOLLOWING WERE ARRESTED IN 1968 AND SUBSEQUENTLY SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR ADVOCATING TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE:

LIN SHUI-CHUAN AND FORMER TAIPEI MUNICIPAL
ASSEMBLYMAN)

LU KUO-MIN

LIU CHIA-CHIN (39, FORMER TOKYO UNIVERSITY STUDENT)

LIN CHUNG-LI

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CHEN CHING-SAN
HSU TSAO-TE

3. TWO OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS, YEN YIN-MO (34, FORMER TOKYO UNIVERSITY STUDENT, ARRESTED NOVEMBER 1969 AND SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS) AND WEI TING-CHAO (37, ARRESTED FEBRUARY 1971 AND SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS) ARE ALSO MENTIONED. ALONG WITH HSIEH, WEI IS DESCRIBED AS FORMER STUDENT OF PROFESSOR PENG MING-MIN.

4. IN ADDITION TO HSIEH AND LI, YEN AND LIU ARE DESCRIBED AS ILL; THESE FOUR AND WEI ARE ALLEGEDLY BEING IMPRISONED IN 6 BY 6 FOOT "TIGER CAGES" WITH FLOORS TOO DAMP TO SLEEP ON.

5. BUCKLEY LETTER WITH ATTACHMENTS BEING POUCHED.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE BY PRIORITY CABLE. KISSINGER

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